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1. A petroleum refinery has been observed under construction at 29-31-00N 113-32-00E, approximately 5 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Lin-hsiang, China, on photography [redacted]. The rail-served refinery is only partially operational but, when complete, it will be among China's ten largest refineries. The Chien-chiang Oilfield is located 60 nm north-northwest of the new facility.

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2. The refinery is being built in a series of natural valleys. It is adjacent to the Lin-hsiang Regional Strategic POL Storage Area [redacted] and is served by the Wu-han to Chang-sha rail line. This is the first refinery ever observed being built at a regional POL storage facility.

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3. The refinery consists of a main and secondary processing area, a housing and support area, a rail transloading and holding yard, and a classification yard.

4. The main processing area consists of a multistage crude distillation unit which may be complete and a probable cracking and probable vapor recovery unit. Two unidentified associated units are under construction. Other associated facilities include a forced-draft cooling tower, a water processing unit, and a large steam plant.

5. The secondary processing area is in two valleys adjacent to the main processing area. At least six processing units are under construction, but their exact function cannot yet be determined.

6. The housing and support area, adjacent to the main processing area, consists of approximately 450 buildings including administration buildings, warehouses, workshops, and a large workers housing area. Several open storage yards are dispersed throughout the area. The rail transloading and holding yard is adjacent to the housing and support area.

7. The Chinese have also been expanding their petroleum refinery capabilities in other areas in southeast China. Ching-men Petroleum Refinery [redacted] a new large crude oil refinery, has been identified in Hupeh Province.* In addition, Chien-chiang Oilfield [redacted] the only known oilfield in southeast China, has been nearly doubled in size.** A large bunkering pier was under construction on the east bank of the Yang-tze River at 29-34-30N 113-16-10E. The Yueh-yang POL Storage Facility PUG [redacted] is adjacent to the pier.

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*NPIC. [redacted] Ching-men Petroleum Refinery, China,
May 71 (TOP SECRET) [redacted]

**NPIC. [redacted] Chien-chiang Oilfield Expansion, Jun 71
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